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SUBJECT: IVP NOMINATION: MANITOBA LIBERAL LEADER CHARLES HUBAND

REF: STATE 103418

1. POST NOMINATES MANITOBA LIBERAL PARTY LEADER CHARLES HUBAND FOR INDIVIDUAL IVP GRANT IN FY 77.

2. ALTHOUGH LIBERAL PARTY IS NOW AT ONE OF ITS LOWEST EBBS IN RECENT TIMES IN MANITOBA, MR. HUBAND, WHO BECAME LEADER IN FEBRUARY 1975, IS WORKING HARD TO CUT LOSSES, AND AT LEAST RETAIN ITS LOW PROFILE HERE. YOUTHFUL, ARTICULATE AND A CAPABLE ORGANIZER, MR. HUBAND, LIKE MOST PRAIRIE POLITICIANS, HAS NO HANG-UPS ABOUT NECESSITY FOR CLOSE AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S. INDEED, HE IS A SUPPORTER OF LOWER TARRIFF BARRIERS, ANF RECOGNIZES GAPS THAT EXIST ON BOTH SIDES OF BORDER IN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

3. AN ATTORNEY, MR. HUBAND, ALSO REPRESENTS MANITOBA'S NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S GOVERNMENT IN A NUMBER OF LEGAL MATTERS, MOST NOTABLY, ITS EFFORTS TO EXTRADITE OR COME TO SOME SETTLEMENT WITH DR. ALEXANDER KASSER, FORMER OWNER OF CHURCHILL FOREST INDUSTRIES WHO, ALLEGEDLY ABSCONDED TO AUSTRIA WITH SOME 80 MILLION DOLLARS OF PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

4. FULL BIO BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY AND CU.

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5. IF IVP COMMITTEE APPROVES, TRIP COULD TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS

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FIRST TWO WEEKS IN DECEMBER, OR IN EARLY 1977. POST BELIEVES
MR. HUBAND WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INVITATION, AND WITH COMMITTEE'S
CONCURRENCE, WILL EXPLORE TIMING AND SUGGESTED PROGRAM CONTENT WITH
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